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SUBJECT: SECNAV DESIGNATION FOR BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL

REF: (A) PORT LOUIS 0922; (B) SECNAV INSTRUCTION 06322.1

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. BASIC POLICY ON ADMITTANCE OF FOREIGN LEADERS TO U.S. NAVAL HOSPITALS IS SET FORTH IN REF (B) (CONFIDENTIAL) A PORTION OF WHICH FOLLOWS: QUOTE: ON OCCASION, THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT TO CERTAIN FOREIGN NATIONALS MAY PRODUCE A FAVORABLE EFFECT ON KEY INDIVIDUALS OR ON IMPORTANT FOREIGN PUBLIC OPINION. ON SUCH OCCASIONS, THE USE OF UNITED STATES MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES TO PROVIDE SUCH TREATMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH UNITED STATES PUBLIC INTEREST...LIMITATIONS OF SPACE AT MOST NAVAL MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE SUCH THAT TREATMENT THEREAT CAN ORDINARILY BE AFFORDED ONLY TO FOREIGN NATIONALS OF HIGH NATIONAL PROMINENCE, AND THEN SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SPACE AND FACILITIES...END QUOTE.

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2. REQUESTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION ARE RECEIVED IN VARIOUS

WAYS. THE MAJORITY OF HOSPITALIZATION REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IF US NATIONAL INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS WARRANT, THE REQUEST IS FORWARDED TO DEFENSE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THE SERVICES. A LESSER NUMBER--PRINCIPALLY SENIOR FOREIGN NAVAL OFFICERS--ARE INITIATED BY NAVY/DEFENSE REPS IN COUNTRY INVOLVED. IN THESE LATTER CASES THE REQUESTS ARE FORWARDED TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WHO SEEKS GUIDANCE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OSD WITH RESPECT TO POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND ADVISES THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ACCORDINGLY.

3. THUS FAR IN CY 74 ELEVEN FOREIGN VIPS HAVE BEEN TREATED AT BETHESDA.

4. IF YOU ARE ASKED WHY USN PROVIDED TREATMENT TO RINGADOO YOU MAY RESPOND THAT IF SPACE AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, US MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE SOMETIMES USED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN THE INTEREST OF PROMOTING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS. INGERSOLL

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